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1. IN JANUARY 24 NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH MFA SECGEN
ELEKDAG, I PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON HOUSING PROVIDED
REF C, NOTING THAT THIS FULLY MET CONCERN WHICH HE
SAID UNDERLAY TURKISH REQUEST FOR SEPARATION OF HOUSING
FROM THE INSTALLATIONS. ELEKDAG PROPOSED SOME ADDI-
TIONS TO OUR DRAFT WHICH WOULD HAVE REINSERTED GOAL

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OF SEPARATING THESE AREAS FROM THE INSTALLATION

AND WHICH I, OF COURSE, IMMEDIATELY REJECTED. I EMPHASIZED THAT I SAW NO SENSE WHATSOEVER IN THE TURKISH PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTED THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH MIGHT BE DROPPED. ELEKDAG'S RESPONSE WAS DESULTORY AND INDICATED HE DID NOT RPT NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND OR AT LEAST APPRECIATE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF'S INSISTENCE ON THIS LANGUAGE. I ASKED POINT BLANK WHAT WAS THE GOT PURPOSE IN HIS LANGUAGE. HE DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE ANY ANSWER. HE PROMISED TO RETURN TO THE MATTER LATER.

2. IN REPLY TO ELEKDAG'S REQUEST FOR U.S. REACTION TO PROPOSALS HE HAD MADE IN JANUARY 20 SESSION ON ARTICLE V(3) (REF B) AND HIS INVITATION OFR U.S. SUGGESTIONS TO RESOLVE OTHER BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE IV AND V, I INDICATED SIMPLY THAT THE TURKISH FORMULATIONS CONTINUED TO CAUSE MY GOVERNMENT CONCERN.

3. COMMENT: I FIND COMMENT IN REF C TO GOT "CHIPPING AWAY AT OUR POSITIONS ONE BY ONE" TO BE AN UNFORTUNATE CHOICE OF LANGUAGE. I BELIEVE IT IS AN INACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS THAT BROUGHT US TO THE PRESENT JOINT TEXT AND IT COULD SERVE AS A JUSTIFICATION TO AVOID FURTHER EFFORT ON OUR PART TO RESOLVE THE COMMAND AND CONTROL DIFFERENCES. IT WILL TAKE A GOOD DEAL OF EFFORT TO MOVE THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF TOWARD OUR POSITION, CAGLAYANGIL WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO DO THIS FROM WASHINGTON, AND THESE ISSUES FOR THAT REASON SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE LEFT FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING. IF WASHINGTON IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE SUGGESTIONS WE PROPOSED IN REF B, I HOPE THE BACKSTOPPING TEAM THERE MIGHT COME FORTH WITH OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS. I AGREE THAT IT IS BEST TO SEEK A PACKAGE SOLUTION TO THE COMMAND AND CONTROL PORBLEM AND I WOULD NOT BE ADVERSE TO DELAYING U.S. PROPOSALS FOR SUCH A PACKAGE UNTIL THE TAX RELIEF AND SOFA PROBLEMS SEEM CLOSER TO SOLUTION. WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT POSTPONE, HOWEVER, SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THIS ISSUE, AS REF C WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE.

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